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Indian Railway Project Management Unit
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to disband the Indian Railway Project Management Unit, a centralized unit that was monitoring the execution of a project aimed at preventing head-on collisions, if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind the move;

(b) whether this will not affect execution of a project aimed at preventing head-on collisions and if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to prevent head-on collisions and avoid train accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The Railway has decided to merge Indian Railway Project Management Unit (IRPMU) with Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Project unit of North Central Railway (NCR), Allahabad and the Headquarter of IRPMU is shifted with all its officers/staff from New Delhi to Allahabad except bare minimum strength of officer/staff to be maintained at Delhi for completion of on-going residual works.
IRPMU was primarily created as a pre-requisite for funding of the Project of "Modernisation of Signalling system in Ghaziabad−Kanpur section" by KfW, Germany Bank. As KfW Bank funding is no longer available and major portion of the project is already completed, it has been decided to merge IRPMU with Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project unit of NCR.
Since the organisation has not been disbanded, this will not affect the execution of any project in any way.

(c) To avoid train accidents, technological improvements like Electrical/Electronic Interlocking with Centralized operation of points and signals, Multiple Aspect Colour Light Signalling with LED Signals, Complete Track Circuiting of the stations, Block Proving by Axle Counters, Interlocking of Level Crossing Gates etc. are being provided progressively as per the availability of resources. Also, to prevent head-on collisions, Railways have taken up various new technologies such as Train Protection Warning System (TPWS)/ Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) as means of Automatic Train Protection on pilot section.
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